

Staphylea trifolia

Bladdernut



This shrub's soft green foliage adds a bright touch to a shady corner. Flowers are creamy white, changing into bladder-like capsules, that look like Chinese lanterns in the fall. Develops more flowers and leaves when grown in a sunny place. Typically found in lightly shaded woods with wet to moist soils.

Suggested Companions: sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), wild leek (*Allium tricoccum*), jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 6-12' H
6-12' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: filtered
shade

Flower Color:
White
Green

Bloom Time:
May

Other Attributes:
Winter interest

Plant in:

Groundcover: No